



City of Albuquerque

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## **CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL**

Regarding The Transfer Of The Operation And Administration Of The Metropolitan Detention Center From The City To The County Of Bernalillo.

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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC"), which is owned by the County of Bernalillo, is currently operated by the City of Albuquerque pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") between the two governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Government Commission ("ABCGC"), which governs all MDC policy matters in accordance with the JPA, directed the City and County to enter into a contract with Voorhis/Robertson Justice Services, Inc. ("Consultant") to conduct an operational, financial and legal analysis for the ownership and operation of the MDC; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant analyzed four management options and made recommendations to the ABCGC for future management of the MDC; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant recommended, among other things, that the owner and manager of the MDC should be the same, and stated that the County is the likely manager of the MDC; and

WHEREAS, the ABCGC received the Consultant's recommendations at its meeting on November 1, 2005 and recommended to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners that each governing body entertain a resolution to transfer the operation and administration of the MDC to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 91-2005 on November 8, 2005 which stated that a transition team will be established immediately to begin the transition of the MDC operation and management from the City of Albuquerque to the County of Bernalillo; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the recommendation of the Consultant to transfer the operation of the MDC from the City to the County and the termination of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the City and County governing bodies and respective staffs working together and cooperating to effect a smooth transition of the operation of the MDC from the City to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to protect the MDC employees and to take measures to ensure that the MDC employees' concerns will be addressed during the transition period; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to reach an equitable agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for the funding of the MDC during the transition period and after the operation has been transferred to the County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. The City should proceed with the necessary steps to transfer the operation and administration of the Metropolitan Detention Center to the County by July 1, 2006, and the City Administration should work cooperatively with County officials and staff to accomplish the transition.

